

# Diocesan Council Highlights

DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY, DIOCESAN COUNCIL St. Andrew's, Mission, Okanagan, Nov 26-27, 2010

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## Archbishop's Report

October 12

**The Archbishop's Committee on Ministry.** The Archbishop oversees the discussion of Ministry of the Diocese and the Kootenay School of Ministry. This committee meets every 6 weeks.

October 18-21

**Clergy Conference at Sorrento Centre.** The attendance was good but there was disappointment with the guest speaker.

October 30

**EFM 25th Anniversary.** This was a wonderful celebration. This program focuses on long-term adult education.

November 21

**Camp Owaissi AGM.** A new Board has been elected and the full slate filled. Pam Wilson is the new Chair of the Board. Blue/Green Architects will be working on behalf of Camp Owaissi on partnerships in the communities and potential use of property. This work will be done "pro-bono." The Camp has no financial reserves and some bill payments have been delayed.

The Archbishop extended thanks to the Compensation Committee and Randall for their work on the Compensation Package. The Archbishop is very aware of the burden some churches will be carrying. 8-10 Clergy face a high degree of personal stress which represents about 1/3 of the total number of clergy in the diocese. 8 parishes are in financial stress.

## Executive Officer's Report

Work as Chair of the Diocesan Compensation Committee has been intense. Meetings were held with all regions and considerable feed-back was received and used to arrive at the final proposal.

Equivalent housing values will be determined for those parishes where clergy are provided with a rectory.

Cathedral Project Board is dealing with slow pace in the development. This has allowed for a slower pace in the Kootenay Diocesan Centre project (formerly known as the Synod Office Relocation) but unlike the Cathedral the project may move more quickly. The synod office is paying double rent (Cathedral and St. Aidan's) and needs the project to move quickly.

## Administration Committee Report

- St. Andrew's, Willow Point — We have an active listing and believe our agent is working hard in a difficult and depressed market.
- Lot A Sutherland Ave. Kelowna— Interest has been next to none.
- St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral, Nelson — Jennifer Pring has been working with the parish and Regional Dean. Leadership from an Incumbent is needed. Jennifer reports that there is much enthusiasm but has emphasized that the wardens need to place a request to the Diocese for the sale of the Hall as it needs to be approved by Admin and Finance Committee and Diocesan Council.
- St. James', Armstrong — The new hall was opened on October 5th, 2010.
- St. Michael's Cathedral Development Project — There have been long delays.
- Kootenay Office and Diocesan Centre — External drawings have not been produced as yet. A financial plan and a construction budget are anticipated. Target is for late spring or early summer.

## PWRDF REPORT

Oct 29-31, 2010 PWRDF Diocesan reps from the western dioceses met in Calgary. Regional reps were given a tour to Siksika First Nation, Alberta which included a tour of Old Sun Community College (former Anglican Residential School). Presentations were given from other projects being supported by PWRDF. Adele Finney is the new National Director for PWRDF. Worship resources are now available free of charge. There is also a new Confirmation resource which is geared more towards young people and their concerns with justice issues.

## COMPENSATION REPORT

There was much discussion... A motion was passed stating that: "the Compensation Package as presented on November 26-27, 2010 be accepted as presented." □

# Historic decision

St. Saviour's, Nelson, pass a motion to sell the parish hall

BY JONN LAVINNDER

At St. Saviour's, Nelson, AVM on Sunday, February 4, the congregation passed a motion to sell their Memorial Hall. The proceeds will be held in a Trust Fund by the diocese to build a sustainable congregation in Nelson. It is the intention of the Church Committee to restore the church building in a manner that will make it economically easier to maintain. It was felt that the Memorial Hall, even though currently self-supporting, was taking too much of the congregation's energy, which might best be directed toward the mission of the church.

The cornerstone of the Memorial Hall was first laid with Full Masonic Honours in 1922 in honour of those who lost their lives while serving their country during World War I. The hall has played a major role, not only in the life



of the church, but also in the community of Nelson.

The Nelson Daily News and some Vancouver newspapers wrote articles about St. Saviour's Memorial Hall being one of the best church halls in the BC interior. It certainly was busy, with everything from a senior's drop-in centre to scout meetings.

Renovations have also frequently taken place. The building itself was expanded in 1945-46 adding staff offices, meeting rooms and a kitchen.

Constantly bringing the facility up to current building standards has required all electrical wiring and insulation to be replaced. A new boiler was installed in 2008.

The centennial project undertaken by the church and completed in 2000 included a feasibility study for the hall. It was thought that the building could be developed into an apartment complex.

The fate of the building is now in the hands of the diocese. □



Cathedral Building Project — St Michael's House

St. Michael and All Angels — our diocesan Cathedral — is nearing the end of a financial campaign to fund the construction of St. Michael's House. To date, through gifts, pledges and bequests, the parish has raised over one million dollars, definitely something to celebrate; yet additional funds are needed for the construction to be completed.

Approval to proceed is in part dependent on financial contributions to the project. Your support of our Cathedral, through immediate gift or timed pledge, will help to realize this venture and to encourage a revitalized diocesan ministry. Please assist us in achieving this goal.

*Here is my gift or pledge to help complete the construction of St. Michael's House. (Tax receipts will be issued.)*

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ / month for \_\_\_\_\_ months  
OR

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail this, and make cheques payable to:  
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